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**STATEMENT OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY ON PRESIDENT BUSH'S VETO OF
THE STEM CELL BILL**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Today, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, released the following statement in response to President Bush vetoing the stem cell bill.

"Today's veto, like last year's, is a cruel betrayal of the hopes of millions of patients and their families across America whose hope for a brighter future and a healthier life depend on stem cell research. President Bush is as stubborn and wrong about stem cell research as he is about Iraq."

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